APPENDIX II THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES INFORMATION



April 16, 2019

Mr. Matthew D. Kroll, P.E. Timber Ridge at Hartland, LLC 44095 Pipeline Plaza Suite 140 Ashburn, VA 20147

TNT Project #: 1460-F

Reference: Threatened and Endangered Species Review, Hartland South, Loudoun County, Virginia

Latitude: 38° 57′ 43″ N, Longitude: -77° 34′ 47″ W

Dear Mr. Kroll:

TNT Environmental, Inc. (TNT) is pleased to present this Threatened & Endangered Species Review for the above-referenced project in general accordance with TNT Proposal Number 2064 dated January 9, 2019. The potential for threatened and endangered species on and in the vicinity of the project site was evaluated using available information and project reviews through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and the US. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC).

As requested, TNT contacted the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) to evaluate the project site's potential for protected species and Natural Heritage areas. Based on DCR's review, no natural heritage resources have been documented within two miles of the project boundary. Additionally, the current activity will not affect any document state-listed plants or insects and there are no State natural Area Preserves in the project vicinity.

A search of DGIF's Fish and Wildlife Information Service online database was also conducted to identify the potential for threatened and endangered species within a standard two-mile radius of the project site. The results of these findings indicate that two state-listed threatened species, the wood turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) and the green floater (*Lasmigona subviridis*) have potential habitat within two miles of the project site, if suitable habitat is present. The wood turtle, whose preferred habitat includes hard-bottomed streams with deep pools and adjoining forest, and the green floater, whose preferred habitat includes hydrologically stable streams with deep pools, and sand or gravel substrate, are noted as having potential habitat within a two-mile radius of the project site area; however, there are no documented occurrences or "Collections" recorded of this species within the limits of the proposed project. Due to the presence of preferred habitat within the project area, it is in TNT's opinion that a species-specific survey may be required.

An official species list from the USFWS' IPAC was requested to identify federally-listed threatened, endangered and proposed and candidate species, as well as critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed project. The USFWS project review indicates no critical habitat is located within the proposed project area. In addition to these findings, one (1) Federally-listed threatened species, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) is listed as potentially being present within the geographic area of the

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project. Based on the final 4(d) rule ((81 Federal Register 1900-1922), effective February 16, 2016) for the northern long-eared bat, as well as a review of DGIF's northern long-eared bat Winter Habitat and Roost Trees GIS Application, incidental (unintentional) takes of the northern long-eared bat are not prohibited for the proposed land development associated with this project. Voluntary conservation measures are listed for conservation of the NLEB on the USFWS' website; however, they are not mandatory.

TNT would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this review. We look forward to assisting you further with this project and other environmental concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time at (703) 466-5123.

Sincerely,

TNT ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

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Appendices:

Appendix A: DCR Project Review

Appendix B: VAFWIS DGIF Information Services

Appendix C: USFWS Project Review

Appendix A:

DCR Project Review



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Virginia Field Office 6669 Short Lane Gloucester, VA 23061

Date: August 21, 2020

Self-Certification Letter

Project Name: Hartland Phase II, Approximate Forest Clearing 861,097 SF (19.8 Acres)

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Virginia Ecological Services online project review process. By printing this letter in conjunction with your project review package, you are certifying that you have completed the online project review process for the project named above in accordance with all instructions provided, using the best available information to reach your conclusions. This letter, and the enclosed project review package, completes the review of your project in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544, 87 Stat. 884), as amended (ESA). This letter also provides information for your project review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, 83 Stat. 852), as amended. A copy of this letter and the project review package must be submitted to this office for this certification to be valid. This letter and the project review package will be maintained in our records.

The species conclusions table in the enclosed project review package summarizes your ESA conclusions. These conclusions resulted in:

- "no effect" determinations for proposed/listed species and/or proposed/designated critical habitat; and/or
- Action may affect the northern long-eared bat; however, any take that may occur as a result of the Action is not prohibited under the ESA Section 4(d) rule adopted for this species at 50 CFR § 17.40(o) [as determined through the Information, Planning, and Consultation System (IPaC) northern long-eared bat assisted determination key]; and/or
- "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determinations for proposed/listed species and/or proposed/designated critical habitat.

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We certify that use of the online project review process in strict accordance with the instructions provided as documented in the enclosed project review package results in reaching the appropriate determinations. Therefore, we concur with the determinations described above for proposed and listed species and proposed and designated critical habitat. Additional coordination with this office is not needed.

Candidate species are not legally protected pursuant to the ESA. However, the Service encourages consideration of these species by avoiding adverse impacts to them. Please contact this office for additional coordination if your project action area contains candidate species.

Should project plans change or if additional information on the distribution of proposed or listed species, proposed or designated critical habitat becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered. This certification letter is valid for 1 year.

Information about the online project review process including instructions and use, species information, and other information regarding project reviews within Virginia is available at our website http://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/endspecies/project_reviews.html. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Andersen of this office at (804) 824-2428.

Sincerely,

Cindy Schulz Field Supervisor

Virginia Ecological Services

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Enclosures - project review package

Matthew J. Strickler Secretary of Natural Resources

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February 15, 2019

Sophia Swartzendruber TNT Environmental, INC 13996 Parkeast Circle, Suite 101 Chantilly, VA 20151

Re: 1460-B, Lenah Farm

Dear Ms. Swartzendruber:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DCR) has searched its Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area outlined on the submitted map. Natural heritage resources are defined as the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique or exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations.

According to the information currently in our files, natural heritage resources have not been documented within two miles of the project boundary. The absence of data may indicate that the project area has not been surveyed, rather than confirm that the area lacks natural heritage resources.

Under a Memorandum of Agreement established between the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) and the DCR, DCR represents VDACS in comments regarding potential impacts on statelisted threatened and endangered plant and insect species. The current activity will not affect any documented state-listed plants or insects.

There are no State Natural Area Preserves under DCR's jurisdiction in the project vicinity.

New and updated information is continually added to Biotics. Please re-submit a completed order form and project map for an update on this natural heritage information if the scope of the project changes and/or six months has passed before it is utilized.

A fee of \$90.00 has been assessed for the service of providing this information. Please find attached an invoice for that amount. Please return one copy of the invoice along with your remittance made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia, DCR Finance, 600 East Main Street, 24th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Payment is due within thirty days of the invoice date. Please note late payment may result in the suspension of project review service for future projects.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) maintains a database of wildlife locations, including threatened and endangered species, trout streams, and anadromous fish waters that may contain information not documented in this letter. Their database may be accessed from http://vafwis.org/fwis/ or contact Ernie Aschenbach at 804-367-2733 or Ernie.Aschenbach@dgif.virginia.gov.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 804-371-2708. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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Natural Heritage Project Review Coordinator

Appendix B:

VAFWIS DGIF Information Services

VaFWIS Search Report Compiled on 8/21/2020, 11:16:23 AM

Help

Known or likely to occur within a 2 mile radius around point 38.9646900 -77.5768348 in 107 Loudoun County, VA

View Map of **Site Location**

495 Known or Likely Species ordered by Status Concern for Conservation (displaying first 27) (27 species with Status* or Tier I** or Tier II**)

BOVA Code	Status*	Tier**	Common Name	Scientific Name	Confirmed	Database(s)
060003	FESE	Ia	Wedgemussel, dwarf	Alasmidonta heterodon		BOVA
050022	FTST	Ia	Bat, northern long- eared	Myotis septentrionalis		BOVA
060029	FTST	IIa	Lance, yellow	Elliptio lanceolata		BOVA,HU6
050020	SE	Ia	Bat, little brown	Myotis lucifugus		BOVA
050027	SE	Ia	Bat, tri-colored	Perimyotis subflavus		BOVA
060006	SE	Ib	Floater, brook	Alasmidonta varicosa		BOVA
030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	<u>Potential</u>	BOVA,Habitat,HU6
040096	ST	Ia	Falcon, peregrine	Falco peregrinus		BOVA
040293	ST	Ia	Shrike, loggerhead	Lanius ludovicianus		BOVA
040379	ST	Ia	Sparrow, Henslow's	Centronyx henslowii		BOVA
060081	ST	IIa	Floater, green	Lasmigona subviridis	Potential	BOVA,Habitat,HU6
040292	ST		Shrike, migrant loggerhead	Lanius ludovicianus migrans		BOVA
030063	CC	IIIa	Turtle, spotted	Clemmys guttata		BOVA
030012	CC	IVa	Rattlesnake, timber	Crotalus horridus		BOVA,HU6
040092		Ia	Eagle, golden	Aquila chrysaetos		BOVA
040306		Ia	Warbler, golden- winged	Vermivora chrysoptera		BOVA
100248		Ia	Fritillary, regal	Speyeria idalia idalia		BOVA,HU6
040213		Ic	Owl, northern saw- whet	Aegolius acadicus		BOVA,HU6
040052		IIa	Duck, American black	Anas rubripes		BOVA,HU6
040036		IIa	Night-heron, yellow- crowned	Nyctanassa violacea violacea		BOVA
040181		IIa	Tern, common	Sterna hirundo		HU6
040320		IIa	Warbler, cerulean	Setophaga cerulea		BOVA,HU6
040140		IIa	Woodcock, American	Scolopax minor		BOVA,HU6
060071		IIa	<u>Lampmussel</u> , <u>yellow</u>	Lampsilis cariosa		BOVA,HU6
040203		IIb	Cuckoo, black-billed	Coccyzus		BOVA

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			erythropthalmus	
040105	IIb	Rail, king	Rallus elegans	BOVA
100166	IIc	Skipper, Dotted	Hesperia attalus slossonae	BOVA,HU6

To view All 495 species View 495

*FE=Federal Endangered; FT=Federal Threatened; SE=State Endangered; ST=State Threatened; FP=Federal Proposed; FC=Federal Candidate; CC=Collection Concern

IV=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier IV - Moderate Conservation Need

Virginia Widlife Action Plan Conservation Opportunity Ranking:

- a On the ground management strategies/actions exist and can be feasibly implemented.;
- b On the ground actions or research needs have been identified but cannot feasibly be implemented at this time.;
- c No on the ground actions or research needs have been identified or all identified conservation opportunities have been exhausted.

<u>View Map of All Query Results from All Observation Tables</u>

Bat Colonies or Hibernacula: Not Known

Anadromous Fish Use Streams

N/A

Impediments to Fish Passage (1 records)

ID	Name	River	View Map
1233	QUAIL RIDGE DAM	TR-BROAD RUN	Yes

View Map of All Fish Impediments

Colonial Water Bird Survey

N/A

Threatened and Endangered Waters

N/A

Managed Trout Streams

N/A

Bald Eagle Concentration Areas and Roosts

^{**}I=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier I - Critical Conservation Need; II=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier II - Very High Conservation Need; III=VA Wildlife Action Plan - Tier III - High Conservation Need;

N/A

Bald Eagle Nests

N/A

Species Observations (3 records)

<u>View Map of All Query Results</u> <u>Species Observations</u>

		Date Observed			T 70		
obsID	class		Observer	Different Species	Highest TE*	Highest Tier**	View Map
625136	SppObs	Apr 27 2017	Kevin; Rose Julia; Paul	2			Yes
425216	SppObs	Sep 6 2005	VCU - INSTAR	17			<u>Yes</u>
300693	SppObs	Jul 6 2001	ROGER B. CLAPP	1			<u>Yes</u>

Displayed 3 Species Observations

Habitat Predicted for Aquatic WAP Tier I & II Species (4 Reaches)

View Map Combined Reaches from Below of Habitat Predicted for WAP Tier I & II Aquatic Species

	Tier Species						X/:
Stream Name	Highest TE*	BOVA Code, Status [*] , Tier ^{**} , Common & Scientific Name					View Map
Broad Run (20700081)	ST	030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	<u>Yes</u>
Howsers Branch	ST	030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	Yes
(20700081)		060081	ST	IIa	Floater, green	Lasmigona subviridis	105
Lenah Run (20700081)	ST	030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	<u>Yes</u>
tributary (20700081)	ST	030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	<u>Yes</u>
tributary (20700081)	ST	030062	ST	Ia	Turtle, wood	Glyptemys insculpta	Yes

Habitat Predicted for Terrestrial WAP Tier I & II Species

N/A

Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas Blocks (4 records)

<u>View Map of All Query Results</u> <u>Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas Blocks</u>

BBA ID	Atlas Quadrangle Block Name	Breedin	X7° X4		
		Different Species	Highest TE*	Highest Tier**	View Map
50204	Arcola, CE	41		III	<u>Yes</u>
50203	Arcola, CW	44		III	<u>Yes</u>
50202	Arcola, NE	43		III	<u>Yes</u>
50201	Arcola, NW	45		III	<u>Yes</u>

Public Holdings:

N/A

Summary of BOVA Species Associated with Cities and Counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

FIPS Code	City and County Name	Different Species	Highest TE	Highest Tier
107	Loudoun	438	FTSE	I

USGS 7.5' Quadrangles:

Arcola

USGS NRCS Watersheds in Virginia:

N/A

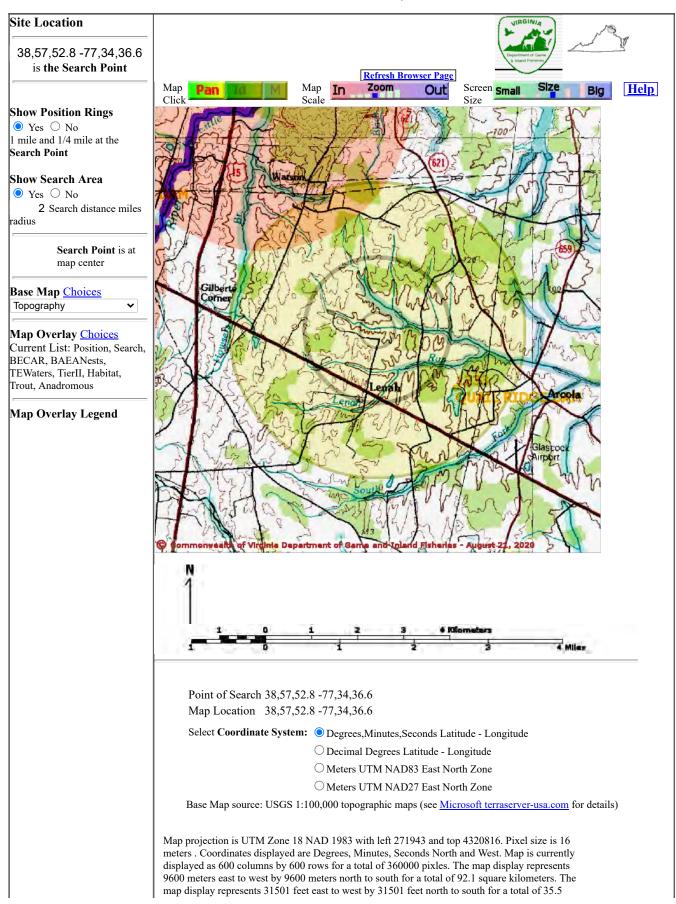
USGS National 6th Order Watersheds Summary of Wildlife Action Plan Tier I, II, III, and IV Species:

HU6 Code	USGS 6th Order Hydrologic Unit	Different Species	Highest TE	Highest Tier
PL13	<u>Little River</u>	60	FTST	I
PL14	Goose Creek-Big Branch	59	FTST	I
PL17	Broad Run-Lenah Run	49	ST	I

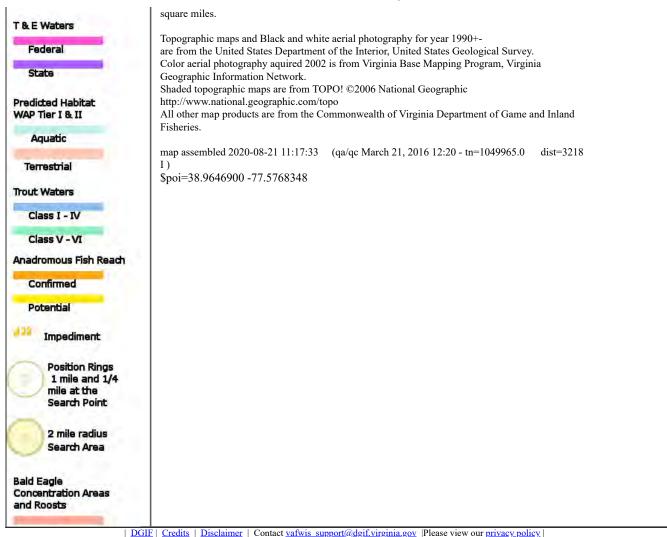
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8/21/2020 VaFWIS Map



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Appendix C:

USFWS Project Review



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Virginia Ecological Services Field Office 6669 Short Lane Gloucester, VA 23061-4410 Phone: (804) 693-6694 Fax: (804) 693-9032

http://www.fws.gov/northeast/virginiafield/



In Reply Refer To: August 21, 2020

Consultation Code: 05E2VA00-2019-SLI-3420

Event Code: 05E2VA00-2020-E-15863

Project Name: Hartland South

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed

project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Any activity proposed on National Wildlife Refuge lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered

species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Virginia Ecological Services Field Office 6669 Short Lane Gloucester, VA 23061-4410 (804) 693-6694

Project Summary

Consultation Code: 05E2VA00-2019-SLI-3420

Event Code: 05E2VA00-2020-E-15863

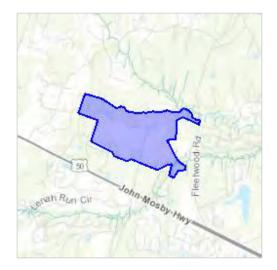
Project Name: Hartland South

Project Type: LAND - ACQUISITION

Project Description: West of Fleetwood Road and east of Lenah Farm Lane.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/place/38.96199466577086N77.57967033613727W



Counties: Loudoun, VA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.